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Expansion of Air India Fleet
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of planes in Air India fleet as on date;

(b) whether Air India proposes to double its fleet by leasing 100 planes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Air India has enough resources to make the payment that needs to be made for leasing and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether 111 aircraft ordered in 2006 are yet to be delivered to Air India and if so, the details thereof and the time by which those would be delivered?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) The details of the current fleet of Air India (AI) is given in Annexure.;

(b) &(c): AI has undertaken a fleet replacement and expansion exercise for its single aisle A320 family aircraft. AI has 60 operational A320 family aircraft. Air India Board has approved induction of 34 A320 aircraft to replace some of the old/ageing/leased aircraft in addition to providing growth. The Board has also approved additional 10 A320 NEO aircraft to be dry leased by 2019/20. For the wide body fleet, the Board has given an in principle approval for evaluation of 5-7 B777-300ER or B787-9 for dry lease in 2019/20.;

(d): AI plans to make Aircraft lease related payment through revenue generation from the operations of the new aircraft to be acquired on lease. ;

(e): Out of total of 111 aircraft, 104 aircraft have already been inducted. The delivery of the balance 7 aircraft viz. 4 B787s and 3 B777-300ER will be completed by March 2018. The induction schedule is given at Annexure. ;